WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Compressed Natural Gas as Automotic Fuel

[*English*]

*230. SHRIMATI MARAGATHAM CHANDRASEKHAR:
SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision on the proposal submitted by the Gas Authority of India Limited and Indo-Burma Petroleum Co. Ltd. for introduction of compressed natural gas as automotive fuel at selected locations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The first phase of implementation of the CNG programme covering conversion of 220 petrol powered vehicles to run on compressed natural gas on an experimental basis has been approved by the Government. The IBP Company Limited would implement the programme in Assam and Tripura and the Gas Authority of India Limited would implement it in Delhi, Bombay and Baroda.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Infiltration on Border of Tripura and West Bengal

*232. SHRI RATILAL VARMA:
SHRI SRIKANTA JENA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Bangladeshi infiltrators apprehended on the border of Tripura and West Bengal and handed over to the Government of Banladesh during 1991 and 1992 so far;

(b) whether infiltration on the border of these States has increased during the last few months;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have made any review of the existing arrangements for checking such infiltration;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the concerned State Governments have requested the Union Government for deployment of para-military forces for this purpose; and

(g) if so, the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) Information given below:

State	*Total Apprehensions*		*Handed over to the Government of Bangladesh/. Pushed Back*
TRIPURA	1991	2484	593
	1992 (Upto February, 1992)	278	147